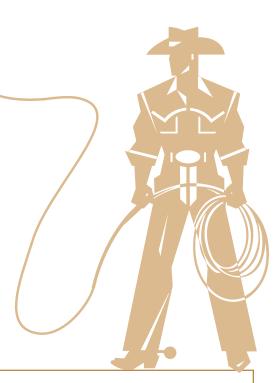
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# THIRD ANNUAL MEETING

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# **ATTENTION ATTENDEES**

- Pre-Registration \$100.00 received by July 15, 1997.
- Registration \$125.00 received after July 15, 1997.
- Fee includes: all committee meetings, Tuesday and Wednesday continental breakfast and luncheons with guest speakers, breaks, and a set of NELAC standards.
- Check or money order only (purchase requisitions accepted from federal government).
- Send payment & registration form to the address on the form.
- Written cancellation for refund no later than 5:00 pm CDT July 1, 1997.



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The Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board (ELAB) will meet on July 28, 1997. Agenda items for the meeting will include a final report from the GLP subcommittee, a report from NELAC on implementation issues, a final report from the performance-based measurement systems (pbms) subcommittee, and an update from the proficiency testing subcommittee. Persons interested in serving on ELAB are requested to submit a nomination form. The form can be obtained through the Internet service.

# **INTERNET SERVICE**

Revised versions of the standards and the constitution and bylaws, will be available through the Office of Air and Radiation's Technology Transfer Network (TTN) by July 1, 1997. World Wide Web access is at the URL:

http://ttnwww.rtpnc.epa.gov/html/nelac/nelac.htm#NL02

In addition, the nominees for Chair-Elect and the Members-At-Large for the Board of Directors will be available on TTN by May 1, 1997.

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